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LIBERAL DEMOCRATS hunt despairingly for a strong anti-Nixon leadership in Congress.

House rebels refuse to give up hope of dumping McCormack as Speaker, replacing him with a liberal like Arizona's Rep. Udall. They start counting votes for support of an anti-McCormack move but aren't optimistic about finding enough. One obstacle to their cause: Democrats held control of the House with only minor losses.

Liberals view Senate Democratic leaders Mansfield, Long as unaggressive, inarticulate or too conservative. Long expects to stay as majority whip, despite rumors otherwise; there'd be no opening for Muskie to move up unless Mansfield steps down as majority leader. Muskie and Ted Kennedy, while serving as liberal spokesmen, may stay on the cautious side.

Outside Congress, Humphrey may provide only occasional aid to the liberals. There's some talk of setting up a liberal-oriented sounding board like the Democratic Advisory Council of the Eisenhower era.

ASIA'S 007: Cambodia will premiere tomorrow a spy thriller called Shadow Over Angkor. The hero: Prince Sihanouk, shown foiling a U.S. plot against his country; he is also the film's producer, director, scriptwriter. The villain: A French actor playing retired Gen. Edward Lansdale, a real-life CIA operator. The heroine: Sihanouk's beautiful wife.